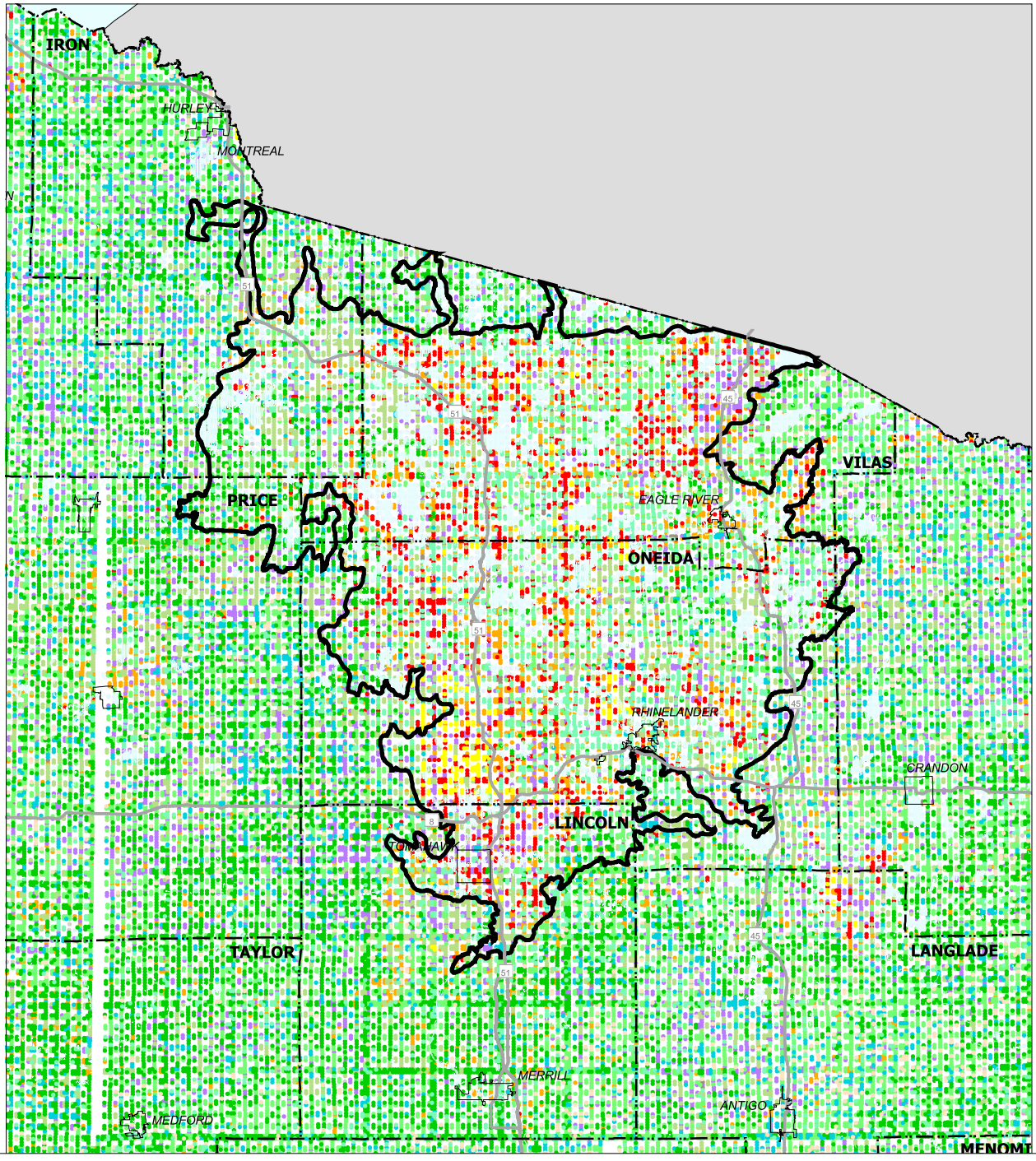
Forest Cover of the Mid-1800's in the NORTHERN HIGHLAND



Species Types

- Ecological Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- Major Highways
  - IH
  - USH
- Open Water

- Aspen, Birch
- Beech
- Hemlock
- Northern Hardwoods
- Oak
- Other Deciduous
- Jack Pine
- Red Pine
- White Pine
- Spruce,Fir
- Other Conifer
- Lowland Species
- Water
- No Trees, Native Herbs & Shrubs
- No Trees, Human Influence

The Pre-European Settlement Vegetation Database of Wisconsin is a tabular database containing vegetative information extracted from the US General Land Office's Public Lands Survey original surveyors' notes for Wisconsin. The survey was conducted by private surveyors under contract to the General Land Office for the purpose of subdividing unsettled US lands for sale. The purpose of this database is to provide information to researchers and land managers about the nature of Wisconsin's landscapes prior to widespread European-American settlement. This version of the database includes only corner trees; ambiguous species have been differentiated based on other ecological information. Users should be aware that the survey was conducted for the purpose of subdividing land rather than as a formal biological inventory. Some local areas will contain inherent bias with respect to the size and species of bearing trees recorded, but over large areas these biases are insignificant.

For more information regarding the US public land survey and The Pre-European Settlement Vegetation Database of Wisconsin, see: Schulte, L.A. and D.J. Mladenoff. 2001. The original US Public Land Survey records: their use and limitations in reconstructing presettlement vegetation. J. Forestry 99(10):5-10. Or, visit the University of Wisconsin - Forest Ecology and Management website at http://forest.wisc.edu/

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